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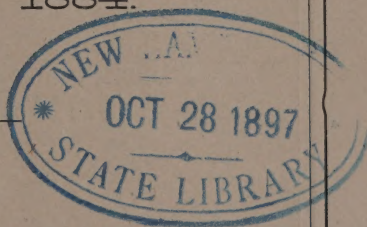
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
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COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

		DR.
To balance of taxes on list for 1880	\$29 92	
taxes on list for 1881	128 34	
taxes on list for 1882	1,784 72	
amount of taxes on list for 1883	7,097 46	
	<hr/>	\$9,040 44

By paid town treasurer as follows:—		CR.
resident highway tax, in labor,		
1880	\$29 92	
cash on list for 1881	21 06	
abatement on list for 1881 . .	3 65	
resident highway tax, in money,		
1881	4 12	
resident highway tax, in labor,		
1881	40 00	
cash on list for 1882	1,362 30	
abatements on list for 1882 . .	40 34	
resident highway tax, in money,		
1882	26 58	
resident highway tax, in labor,		
1882	250 00	
non-resident highway tax, in la-		
bor, 1882	14 74	
cash on list for 1883	4,339 82	
discount on list for 1883 . . .	51 91	
abatements on list for 1883 . .	41 90	
resident highway tax, in money,		
1883	58 43	

By resident highway tax, in labor,	
1883	\$900 00
non-resident highway tax, in la-	
bor, 1883	50 07
uncollected taxes on list for 1881	59 51
uncollected taxes on list for 1882	90 76
uncollected taxes on list for 1883	1,655 38
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	\$9,040 44

DANIEL G. ANNIS,
Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Dr.
To cash in treasury March 1, 1883	\$221 18
due from D. G. Annis, uncol- lected taxes	1,942 98
note in favor of town	72 94
resident list, state, county, town, and school tax	4,676 07
non-resident list, state, county, town, and school tax	540 42
resident highway tax	1,274 91
non-resident highway tax	147 70
resident list, school-house tax Dist. No. 5	101 87
non-resident list, school-house tax Dist. No. 5	30 83
resident list, school-house tax, Dist. No. 7	185 76
non-resident list, school-house tax Dist. No. 7	23 90
dog tax	116 00
surplus revenue fund	1,728 33
interest, surplus revenue fund	74 56
cemetery fund	1,000 00
interest, cemetery fund	40 00
library fund	1,064 75
interest, library fund	50 03
received from state, savings-bank tax	2,110 41
railroad tax	362 14
literary fund	114 75
crow boun- ties	5 70
county, support of poor	227 04

Received from D. G. Annis, interest on taxes	\$37 34	
John Fling, use of town house	34 70	
town notes	1,400 00	
	<hr/>	\$17,584 31
		Cr.

By amount of selectmen's orders		
paid	\$11,835 28	
surplus revenue fund on hand	1,728 33	
cemetery fund on hand	1,000 00	
library fund on hand	1,081 80	
J. C. Town's note	72 94	
due from D. G. Annis, uncollected taxes	1,805 60	
cash in treasury	60 36	
	<hr/>	\$17,584 31

LEACH LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

		Dr.
To amount received of town treasurer		\$32 98
		Cr.
By cash paid Temple & Farrington, repairing books	\$21 88	
J. McClintock, copy Granite Monthly	2 00	
W. S. Pillsbury, copy Indian Life	2 75	
W. S. Pillsbury, copy History of Windham	3 35	
W. S. Pillsbury, paper for re-covering books	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$32 98

WASHINGTON PERKINS,

Treasurer Leach Library.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax	\$1,572 00
county tax	1,981 84
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	\$3,553 84

SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1	\$217 52
No. 2	225 99
No. 3	92 65
No. 4	129 09
No. 5	132 61
No. 6	149 55
No. 7	209 68
No. 8	209 27
No. 9	91 08
No. 10	27 08
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	\$1,484 52

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAXES.

1883.

Paid George P. Harvill, Dist. No. 5 . .	\$125 00
Newell Boyce Dist. No. 7 . .	200 00
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	\$325 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid N. Pettengill	\$4 80
C. Herrick	1 80
W. Clark	4 23
F. C. Watts	35
T. Boyd	5 25
N. Roberts	9 83
J. Coburn heirs	1 71
R. L. Pettengill	1 45
I. G. Adams	2 75
G. W. Cutler	12 00
C. W. Boyd	6 50
H. Cutler	15 04
J. Motran	45
J. M. Heath	1 50
T. Sampson	1 00
G. E. Mores	4 80
P. W. Dickey	6 00
F. D. McGregor	6 75
A. S. Philbrick	3 00
J. Mulherin	3 75
J. Archambault	5 25
R. Annis, for gravel	1 20
S. D. Smith	15 75
S. D. Smith	18 82
J. M. Floyd	2 38
H. C. Smith	1 00
W. S. Barker, post	60
R. J. Lund	10 60
H. H. White	1 50
N. Boyce	4 17
H. H. White	16 95
W. B. Wetherbee	4 50
J. F. Twiss	2 15
A. J. Benson	3 75
G. Estey	1 00
G. P. Harvill	85 00
C. S. Greeley	16 05
J. M. Noyes, for scraper	90
C. Herrick	2 55
C. G. Chase, cutting bushes	2 50
S. R. Corning, building wall	29 25

Paid R. Flanders	\$2 00
B. & A. D. Fessenden, lumber	29 85
G. F. McGregor	50 93
J. Cudworth, for use of plow	1 25
A. McMurphy	80
D. G. & R. Annis, nails	1 78
G. F. Plummer	2 90
G. H. Noble	7 25
A. J. Benson	1 00
S. P. Robie	6 82
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	\$422 41

WINTER ROADS.

Paid C. R. Clark	\$4 75
C. Herrick	48
J. Goodwin	7 90
A. Tenney	1 35
J. P. Whidden	3 10
R. Flanders	7 72
I. G. Adams	4 02
G. W. Cutler	4 25
H. Cutler	5 25
T. Sampson	75
M. Dickey	4 00
W. Brosnan	2 99
S. D. Smith	1 80
N. D. Morey	3 30
G. Ambrose	1 80
J. P. O. Sullivan	60
J. E. Chase	60
J. H. Burbank	1 50
A. C. Webster	58
J. W. Cochran	75
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	\$57 74

NEW HIGHWAY.

Paid C. R. Clark for building road, 1872	\$132 19
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BURYING GROUNDS.

Paid W. E. Woodbury, digging graves and driving hearse	\$52 25
A. Tenney, building wall at Hill burying ground	28 00
A. Tenney, cutting bushes on South and Hill burying grounds, and grading	19 50
W. B. Wetherbee, cutting bushes	3 00
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	\$102 75

PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY.

Paid J. S. Furber and others for land	\$130 00
J. P. Whidden	35 00
G. F. McGregor, recording deeds	1 70
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	\$166 70

CROWELL CEMETERY CASE.

Paid C. R. Morrison, counsel	\$116 75
W. M. Durgin, copy of inventory	1 00
D. G. & R. Annis, for use of hall	14 00
C. G. Conner, for copy of commissioners' report	1 00
W. Little, time and expense	21 80
F. C. Watts, witness fees	2 04
G. F. McGregor, selectman	21 60
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	\$178 19

GEORGE B. NOYES LAWSUIT.

Paid A. S. Ladd, witness	\$1 61
A. S. Ladd and others, witness fees and mileage	49 54
A. J. Benson, expenses at court	8 70
D. G. Annis, witness	1 49
W. P. Richardson	28 92
James Bros., team	3 00
Sulloway, Topliff, & O'Connor	274 70
G. F. McGregor, time and expenses	49 70
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	\$417 66

PLATTS CASE.

Paid Sulloway, Topliff, & O'Connor, 1879	\$139 22
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LEGALIZING THE VOTE OF 1879.

Paid Sulloway, Topliff, & O'Connor	\$10 00
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NEW WOOD-SHED.

Paid C. R. Frost, building shed	\$144 90
F. E. Robie, painting shed	13 50
A. J. Benson, grading for shed	5 60
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	\$164 00

HALL ROAD CASE.

Paid A. M. Corning, assisting C. R. Morrison	\$4 00
J. R. Clark, surveying and making plans, and witness fees on Hall and Mullins roads	30 00
C. R. Morrison, counsel	106 25
A. J. Benson, cash paid witness	1 35
D. G. & R. Annis, for use of hall	14 10
R. M. Whitney, witness	1 72
G. F. McGregor, selectman	27 90
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	\$185 32

MULLINS ROAD CASE.

Paid county commissioners	\$61 30
G. F. McGregor, selectman	2 00
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	\$63 30

PERAMBULATING TOWN LINES.

Paid J. R. Clark, surveying	\$2 00
G. F. McGregor	13 00
A. J. Benson	10 00
S. P. Robie	8 00
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	\$33 00

TOWN POOR.

Paid G. W. Annis, board and clothing for O. Randall	\$145 97
S. H. Lawrence, board of C. Hovey	50 00
J. Cudworth, support of K. Cudworth	44 00
C. M. Boyce, support of A. Goodwin	91 00
L. Chesley, medical attendance on Frank Dooley family	26 00
A. Jackson, support of E. Jackson	120 00
W. E. Woodbury, support of C. W. Woodbury	104 00
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	\$580 97

COUNTY POOR.

Paid N. Gage, for one cord of wood for W. E. Hardy	\$3 50
F. D. McGregor, drawing one cord of wood	1 00
E. Follansbee, support of S. Caldwell	39 00
J. W. Mackay, supplies for E. M. Griffin	47 80
J. W. Mackay, supplies for W. P. Griffin	47 00
D. C. Barker, one cord of wood for W. E. Hardy	2 00
E. Wason, medical attendance on J. Martin	5 00
G. W. Annis, board of O. Randall	10 00
I. H. Adams, medical attendance on W. E. Hardy	23 00
J. W. C. Pickering, clothing for Griffin family	12 05
Mitchell & Heath, boots and shoes	5 10
Harley, Robbie, & Co., goods for Griffin family	3 19
J. W. Mackay, supplies for W. E. Hardy	13 45
H. Corliss, board of O. Flynn	12 50
G. F. McGregor, transporting poor	90
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	\$225 54

TRANSIENT POOR.

Paid A. J. Benson	\$3 00
G. F. McGregor	11 25
S. P. Robie	4 50
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	\$18 75

DISCOUNT.

Paid D. G. Annis	\$51 91
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ABATEMENTS.

Paid D. G. Annis	\$85 89
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HIGHWAY TAX.

Resident highway tax, paid in labor . . .	\$1,219 92
Non-resident highway tax, paid in labor . .	64 81
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	\$1,284 73

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid J. G. Stone, supervisor	\$8 00
S. D. Smith, supervisor	6 90
O. Hinckley, selectman	3 00
C. S. Pillsbury, selectman	9 80
A. J. Benson	143 00
A. M. Corning, moderator	8 00
G. F. McGregor	154 10
S. P. Robie	106 00
G. F. McGregor, select clerk	10 00
D. G. Annis, collector	85 00
J. G. Strong, town clerk	25 00
J. W. Mackay, librarian	45 00
W. Perkins	25 00
J. Fling, librarian	45 00
H. B. Copp, school committee	50 00
auditors	6 00
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	\$729 80

INTEREST.

Paid W. Perkins, treasurer	\$105 00
W. Perkins	25 00
G. N. Plummer	12 50
J. McAllister	25 00
R. C. Mack	10 00
F. A. Mack	10 00
S. P. Robie, interest on Leach cemetery fund	26 67
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	\$214 17

NOTE PAID.

Paid W. Perkins	\$820 93
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. B. Clarke, Leach Library catalogue	\$10 00
C. Bartlett, printing check-list	8 00
J. G. Stone, moving safe	2 00
J. B. Clarke, printing town reports	34 00
Temple & Farrington, books for town	3 75
Temple & Farrington, stationery	1 77
Temple & Farrington, books	3 09
T. Boyd, for taking H. Draper to county farm	4 32
C. M. Edgerly, insurance	15 00
Briggs & Huse, legal advice	5 00
G. F. Billings, varnishing hearse	8 25
E. Wason, damage to horse	15 00
E. Wason, recording births and deaths	2 50
G. W. Platts, damage to horse	15 00
C. R. Morrison, legal advice	7 00
Burnham & McAllister, legal advice	2 00
A. Tenney, for taking O'Flynn to county farm	3 00
A. J. Benson, expenses out of town	6 00
W. Perkins, decorating soldiers' graves	50 00
J. W. Mackay, stationery	62
W. R. McGregor	1 75
A. J. Benson, bounty on crows	1 80

Paid A. Tenney, for taking O. Randall to county farm	\$4 00
F. E. Robie, post and guide-boards	10 50
town of Hudson, stone monument	2 00
I. H. Adams, recording births and deaths	5 50
D. G. Annis, stationery and stamps	7 50
J. L. Whittemore, damage	35 00
E. Wason, recording births and deaths	4 50
J. G. Stone, recording births and deaths	9 85
W. W. Pillsbury	4 50
G. F. McGregor, stationery	2 68
J. W. Fling, care of hall	2 11
A. M. Corning, administering oaths	3 90
G. F. McGregor, crows	2 60
R. C. Mack, wood for town house	16 00
S. P. Robie, crows	1 30
H. M. Goodrich, stove-pipe	13 70
J. W. Fling, care of hall	20 31
W. Perkins, repair of books for library	32 98
J. W. Fling, arranging catalogues	3 00
C. S. Pillsbury, taking affidavits	1 25
S. P. Robie, expense to Concord to settle state tax	3 70
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	\$386 73

RECAPITULATION.

Paid state and county taxes	\$3,553 84
schools	1,484 52
school-house taxes	325 00
roads and bridges	422 41
winter roads	57 74
new highways	132 19
burying grounds	102 75
Pleasant View cemetery case	166 70
Crowell cemetery case	178 19
George B. Noyes lawsuit	417 66
Platts case	139 22
legalizing the vote of 1879	10 00
new wood-shed	164 00
Hall-road case	185 35
Mullins-road case	63 30

Paid perambulating town lines	\$33 00
town poor	580 97
county poor	225 54
transient poor	18 75
discount	51 91
abatements	85 89
highway tax in labor	1,284 73
town officers	729 80
interest	214 17
note paid	820 93
miscellaneous	386 73
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	\$11,835 28

LONDONDERRY, March 1, 1884.

This certifies that we have this day audited the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JONATHAN McALLISTER,
MASON BOYD,
CHARLES S. PILLSBURY.

Auditors.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Bonds payable	\$4,500 00
Note	600 00
Due counsel on Noyes case	143 55
Due district No. 6, school-house tax	35 00
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	\$5,278 55

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury	\$60 36	
Uncollected taxes exclusive of highway and dog tax	1,443 05	
J. C. Town's note	72 84	
Surplus revenue	1,728 33	
	<hr/>	\$3,304 58
Balance and debt of town		1,973 97
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		\$5,278 55.

By the above it will be noticed that the town indebtedness has been increased the past year \$890.86. This can be accounted for by the extraordinary expenses we have been obliged to meet.

We have paid Charles R. Clark for building a section of new highway, 1882; counsel and expenses in the Platts case of 1879, which has been settled, also for legalizing the vote of the town for the same year; Messrs. Joseph and George P. Harvell, for moving and rebuilding wall; counsel and costs in part for defending the Noyes case, which was decided in favor of the town; county commissioners and other expense in the Hall and Mullins road cases, the former of which has been carried to the higher court; the counsel and expense in the cemetery case, which has been also disposed of; also for additional land for cemetery adjoining the lot in question. We have also been called upon to settle several small claims, which we thought best to do rather than have any additional cost.

There is still due counsel, and for the transporting of the jury in the Noyes case, \$143.55, and probably there are some other small outstanding bills.

GEORGE F. MCGREGOR,
SAMUEL P. ROBIE,
ANDREW J. BENSON,

Selectmen.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

The schools of Londonderry during the past year have been, as a whole, in a prosperous condition. Fortunately there have been no difficulties for your committee to adjust, and the teachers generally have given good satisfaction. Some of the districts have been favored with the services of experienced teachers of more than ordinary ability. In all cases, where it is possible, the services of such teachers should be retained. Because some one else will teach for less wages is no reason for a change. A short school well taught is preferable to a long one with poor instruction. In many instances in the past we fear that sufficient care has not been exercised in the choice of teachers. It is all very well to employ as a teacher one whom the prudential committee may desire to help or please, provided he has assurance that said teacher will do as good work as any other person; otherwise, this course should not be pursued. In every case the highest interests of the school are to be consulted, without regard to personal interests. The number of persons desiring to teach is greatly in excess of the schools to be taught; hence the committee may be as careful as he chooses in making a selection. If the prudential committee, before making this choice, should consult the superintendent of schools, in many cases, we think, the

welfare of our schools would be greatly promoted. Especially would this be the case where the superintending committee has held his office for several years, so that he has become acquainted with the teachers of his vicinity. Most persons, however, who fill this office are very glad not to have this additional responsibility placed upon them. Nor do they like to withhold a certificate from a teacher who is the choice of the prudential committee, without strong reasons for doing so.

More of our young teachers should avail themselves of the advantages which the State Normal School affords. Where this is impossible, they should at least attend teachers' institutes, and by careful reading and study seek to fit themselves for their honorable and useful calling. A good educational magazine is of great worth to a teacher. Your committee desires to recommend to such "The American Teacher," a monthly publication issued by the Appletons.

Individuals intending to teach in this state should bear in mind the new law enacted by the last legislature of New Hampshire, authorizing the introduction into our common schools of a text-book on physiology and hygiene, having special reference to the effects of alcohol upon the human system. Teachers not already familiar with this subject, should, so far as practicable, prepare themselves for an examination upon the same.

IMPROVEMENTS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Some of our school districts have done themselves honor by the marked improvements they have made in the interior of their school buildings during the past year. The individual seats and desks are a great improvement over the old. There are other school-houses in town that greatly need similar repairs. It is to be hoped that the example of districts Nos. 5 and 7 will provoke other districts to like good works without delay. To say nothing of the comfort of teacher and pupils, a shabby, neglected school-house is,

to say the least, no credit to any district. More than this, it tends directly to diminish the value of every farm in that district. Worthy people looking for a home in the country wisely judge of the character of a community by the interest it manifests in its churches and school buildings.

The success or failure of a school depends greatly upon the co-operation of the parents with the teacher. The parents should aid in the maintenance of good order by being exceedingly careful not to side with the child who comes home with a complaint against the teacher. In nine cases out of ten the real fault is with the scholar, not with the teacher. A teacher has many annoyances. Imagine yourself in her place; practice the golden rule toward her; and if you think she is in fault, say this to her kindly, but do not say it to the child.

The parents should also seek to promote the welfare of the school by inquiring occasionally concerning the progress the child is making, and also by assuring themselves that the daily lessons assigned are thoroughly learned. In most cases the pupil should be required to spend some time in study out of school. Let us

PRIZE THE COMMON SCHOOL,

and do our utmost to make it as efficient as possible. All the education most of our children will secure must be here obtained. This being the case, parents should carefully avoid detaining their children from school a single day, when there is a school to attend. A good common-school education will be of more value to your children than any sum of money you can leave them. Give them more education than this if possible, but at all events give them this. Martin Luther's mother herself took her son's place in carrying faggots upon her back from the forest to the village, that her boy might not be detained from school. The mothers of Londonderry should have a like spirit. Your children cannot fully appreciate the value of education, but

they will do so in future years, and will bless your memory if you are now true to their future interests. But, on the other hand, they will hardly be able to forgive you if they fail to secure an education through your indifference. We hope parents will not only send their children regularly to school (and we are very glad that so many do this), but that they will also see that they are there in season. It is far better that they should be a few minutes too early than a few minutes too late. Remember that punctuality is one among the many good habits it is your duty to teach your children.

THE SCHOOLS IN DETAIL.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The three terms of twenty-five weeks in all were taught by Miss Martha J. Boyd. This experienced and efficient teacher has taught in this district for four successive years. This is a fact much to her credit, as well as honorable to the district, showing that it disapproves of a frequent change of teachers, — a practice that is far too prevalent.

In this district there is an unusually large number of small pupils, but Miss Boyd seems to be admirably adapted to the difficult work of interesting and instructing such, as well as those who are more advanced. The closing exercises showed that the faithful labors of teacher and pupils had not been in vain. The latter deserve special praise for the neatness with which they had kept their writing-books, and the improvement made.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer and autumn terms of eight weeks each were taught by Miss Georgietta W. Knight. As "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," we think, as a rule, a young teacher is more likely to succeed among strangers than in her own district; but Miss K. possesses such dignity and self-command that she succeeded in secur-

ing the respect of her pupils and good order in the school-room. We think both terms were profitable, and that commendable progress was made. With additional experience and a proper effort for self-culture (which every teacher should put forth), Miss Knight bids fair to become a superior teacher. For such there is always room.

The winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Addie M. Greeley. We regarded the district as fortunate in being able to secure her services. Miss Greeley is a teacher of wide experience; and experience teaches us some things that we can learn in no other way. It is our impression that this was one of the most profitable terms this school has enjoyed for several years. If some of the scholars could be persuaded to speak in a louder tone and with more animation, they would make a better impression upon those who listen. Did not some pupils belonging to this district absent themselves from school more than was necessary? So we think. Make the most of your opportunities, young friends.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This district has had only about half the amount of schooling during the year that it ought to have had,—a summer term of nine weeks, and a winter term of only six weeks. It seemed too bad that bright pupils, eager to learn, were obliged to suspend their studies so early in the winter. There is something decidedly wrong in our school laws which permit such inequality in regard to the amount of school money each district shall have. Some of our districts have an abundance of money, more even in some towns than can be used profitably; while other districts have so small an amount that their schools are altogether too short, and their children remain uninstructed. A change such as will place every child in town on an equality in this matter is greatly to be desired. Cannot our excellent state superintendent of public instruction devise some

way of relief? Miss Nellie A. Robie taught these two terms of school. We were particularly pleased with the pains taken by the teacher to impart to the pupils a knowledge of the map of our own state. The exercise was one of interest.

As we have already stated, the winter term consisted of only six weeks, but the good work done during that brief space of time was alike creditable to both teacher and pupils. Much more, of course, could have been done had there been more time. There seems no good reason why this should not become one of our best schools, if the pupils could have an equal chance with others. We have no school-house in town that so sadly needs repairs within and without as does this. The house is not old, and a comparatively small sum of money would make a wonderful change in its appearance. It would also make it suitable for occupancy, and, as it now is, it is utterly unfit for use in cold weather.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The school-house in this district is very pleasantly located, but it also greatly needs repairs internally. We hope this want will be speedily met by the good people of this district. A pleasant, tidy school-room has an educating, refining influence upon the minds of the young; while a state of dilapidation in and about a school building is a source of positive injury.

The summer term in this district was taught by Miss Emma B. Greeley. The closing exercises were witnessed by a large number of the friends of the school, and were of unusual interest. The speaking was particularly good. We were sorry to learn that Miss Greeley did not intend to teach the winter term, as we regard frequent change of teachers detrimental to the interests of a school; but, as the lady had a previous and important engagement, we could do no less than excuse her. Fortunately for this dis-

trict, Miss Nellie A. Robie, after completing the short winter term in District No. 3, was induced to teach the winter term in this district. We regard Miss Robie as one of our best teachers, and, as was expected, the winter school was a fine success. The first class in reading did admirably. We have heard nothing in town equal to this. The compositions were also worthy of mention.

DISTRICT No. 5.

We were glad to observe, at the beginning of the summer term, that some very desirable improvements had just been made in the school-house in this district. The individual seats and desks are a great improvement over the old-fashioned benches. This school building is now a credit to the district.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mary A. Wiley. This was Miss Wiley's first effort at teaching, and she evidently took great pains to make the school a success. We think there are very few young teachers who manifest so much interest and show so much originality in teaching as did she.

The examination, near the close of the term, satisfied us that both teacher and pupils had labored faithfully. We were particularly pleased with the thorough knowledge of our own Granite State the teacher had imparted, and were also glad to have the exercises enlivened with singing by the children. We think we might have the latter in all our schools.

The winter term of thirteen weeks was taught by Mrs. M. Addie Knowlton. This teacher was evidently perfectly at home in the school-room, having had considerable experience in teaching. We regret that Mrs. K. does not intend to continue in this work, for we should be glad to see her in one of our schools, the present season.

There was a large number of visitors present at the closing exercises. Thoroughness and promptness character-

ized the recitations, and the speaking was unusually good. Some of the little folks did very finely in the latter exercise.

DISTRICT No. 6.

A summer term of eight weeks and a winter term of thirteen were both taught by Miss Etta M. Young. Miss Young is a superior teacher, able to teach either with or without the text-book. The district is fortunate that she secures her services. We think we may say all the classes did well. There was a fine class in book-keeping. Attention also was given to the study of physiology. The primer class astonished us by the rapid progress made from A B C upwards. The class in primary arithmetic did such work, both mentally and on the blackboard, as made it manifest that they had been in the hands of a proficient teacher. A live, wide-awake teacher usually has pupils possessing similar characteristics.

The death of one of the dear little girls of this school was a sad event in the history of the winter term. There were many tearful eyes when this death was alluded to by the committee near the close of the term.

The parents have our sympathy as well as that of the teacher and pupils. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

DISTRICT No. 7.

The school-room in this district has received improvements similar to those in district No. 5. The new seats, desks, and settees are tasty and convenient. We are glad the people of this district were sufficiently interested in the welfare of their young to do this good work.

There were three terms of school. The summer and autumn terms of eight weeks each were taught by Miss Olive S. Littlefield. Miss L. labored with fidelity to promote the welfare of those committed to her charge. We felt well

satisfied with the progress made, and should have been glad had she been employed to complete the year. The classes in grammar and arithmetic we thought did finely.

The winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Mary E. Perley. Our impressions of this young teacher are highly favorable. They are, that she is a superior scholar and a good teacher, conscientious in her work. We think she labored diligently for the advancement of her pupils. The grammar classes, that had done such good work in the previous terms, continued in well doing to the close of the year. We are glad that this teacher took pains to prepare for the school a list of general questions of a practical character. Teachers in this way can orally impart much valuable information; while such exercises serve to relieve the monotony of the school-room, and are enjoyed by the pupils. These questions may pertain to the length of rivers, the height of mountains, the population of nations and cities, the size of the different states, comparing one with another, etc. There may be also questions of a historical character concerning the settlement of the different states, by whom settled and when; questions concerning other great events, such as the Indian wars, the war of the Revolution, the Mexican war, etc. An intelligent teacher can readily prepare a list of questions upon which she can occasionally drill the school with much profit.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The summer and fall terms of eight weeks each were taught by Miss Emma H. Perkins, an estimable young lady and a good scholar. This school, we think, has a better record than formerly, and we hope the time may not be far distant when it can stand side by side with any of our schools. While there were some things to commend, we feel obliged to find a little fault with some of the pupils. There was a certain restlessness and confusion in the school room that annoyed your committee greatly. We fear that,

however faithful the teacher may have been, and however untiring her efforts, some of the scholars did not do a great amount of solid work. All honor to the bright boys and girls who did try to do well, and who learned much in spite of some hindrances.

The winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Mr. Arthur H. Hale, who, by the way, is the only male teacher who has taught in town during the year.

This was also Mr. Hale's first school, but he had this advantage, — he was a stranger; and we think this school is of a kind that will do better in the hands of a stranger than under the instruction of one with whom they are more familiar.

Considering the circumstances, we thought Mr. Hale did well. There seemed a good degree of quietness in the school-room, and we were measurably satisfied with what had been accomplished.

The class in U. S. history did admirably. Its members deserve hearty commendation.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The summer term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Hattie S. Platts. This teacher has had considerable experience in teaching, and the fact that she has taught this school three or more terms indicates that the people of the district regard themselves as well served. This is the smallest school in town; having only about a dozen scholars. The amount of school money received is also quite too small; and there is so little schooling, and so long a period between the terms, that the pupils fail to make the permanent advancement they would make under more favorable circumstances. With such disadvantages, teachers who succeed deserve all the more commendation.

The winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Hattie S. Platts and Miss Ida F. Platts, the former teaching for three weeks and the latter completing the term.

The sickness of Miss Ida was the reason given for her not taking the school at the beginning of the term.

A change of teachers during the progress of a term, however well it may have operated in this case, as a general thing could but operate unfavorably.

It may be our duty to call the attention of some of the parents to the great irregularity in attendance on the part of some of the children of this school. According to the register for both terms, on the average almost one-half of the pupils were absent every day. No teacher, however brilliant, will make much progress in teaching absent scholars.

DISTRICT No 10.

This is a union district of which we do not have charge. Five scholars from Londonderry attend this school. There have been two terms of school of nine weeks each. Miss Jennie M. Perley, teacher.

AUTHORIZED TEXT-BOOKS.

Bible, Franklin Readers, Warren's Geography, Harvey's Grammar, Greenleaf's New Practical Arithmetic, Colburn's and Emerson's Mental Arithmetic, Worcester's Improved Speller, Duplex Copy Book, Campbell's U. S. History.

ROLL OF HONOR. — No. 1.

Names of pupils who have been present every half-day of two terms without being tardy: —

DISTRICT No. 1.

Emma L. Fling*, Alden L. Corthell, Everett G. Corthell, Osmond E. Corthell*, Ida M. Eastman, George P. Atwell, Harry L. Benson, Ulysses G. Pillbury.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Ida A. Lowd, Alice M. McKean.

*Perfect three terms.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Flora P. Greeley, Martha L. Dooley, May Belle Spear,
Walter B. Bullock, Dannie J. Dooley.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Charlie Follansbee.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Mabel V. Bennett, Hattie E. Thompson, Willie A. Butterworth, Ernest P. Bennett, Charles M. Hunter.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Ella F. Boyce, Grace L. Corning, Allie D. Smith, Edson W. Watts.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Sam. M. McGregor*, Pliny M. Campbell, Fred J. Turcotte
Annie R. Boyce, Blanche Campbell, Myra F. Boyce, Maud E. Campbell.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Mary A. McKenney.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Florence E. Platts, Rosa A. Chase, Lilla B. Garvin,
Freddie E. Garvin, Berton Corthell.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Ida Parshley.

ROLL OF HONOR. — NO. 2.

Names of pupils who have been present every half-day of
one term without being tardy: —

DISTRICT No. 1.

Nellie A. Robie, Lizzie M. Aiken, Fannie V. Carleton,
Alice F. Clark, Mira M. Eastman, C. Linney Hastings, Ma-

*Perfect three terms.

bel F. M. Nevins, Hattie L. Pillsbury, George P. Atwell, Harry A. Gilcreast, Eddie H. Young, Walter S. Young, Arthur T. Holmes, George R. Purdy, Mabel G. Purdy, George W. Benson.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Hattie E. Roach, Mabel E. Buttrick, Carrie A. Buttrick, Arabell Buttrick.

DISTRICT No. 3.

George N. Dooley, Fred M. Goodhue, Angus J. Smith, Fred H. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Alice Avery, Grace Gibson, Laura B. Towns, Edgar C. Annis, Walter T. Boyd, Frank E. Avery, Helen Gibson, Charlie Blood, Alice C. Blood.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Laura M. Hurd, Alice A. Miller, James E. Hunter, George F. Thompson, Mabel M. Lowd, Edith B. Lowd.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Susie M. Corning, S. Myrtie Smith, Leo P. Watts, Ollie M. Watts, Sadie F. Wheeler, Clarence O. Watts.

DISTRICT No. 7.

George M. Pettingill, Harry A. Hill, Lottie F. Corning, Alice B. Smith, Katie B. Stevens, Mary Schwartz, Frank Jones, Vina Clark, Fred Clark.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Charles L. Floyd, Myron I. Evans, Frank J. Whidden, Clarence A. Webster, Mabel Andrews, S. Katie Floyd, Charles W. Noyes.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Nattie T. Platts, Edna J. Wells, Herbert F. Tebbetts.

Besides the studies mentioned in the statistical table, and reading and spelling, to which all are expected to attend, we have had 130 pupils in penmanship, 25 in composition, 9 in algebra, 7 in book-keeping, and 4 in physiology.

Whole number of children in town between the
ages of five and fifteen (boys 104, girls 99) 203

Number between five and fifteen not attending
school 4

Amount of money raised by the town for schools \$1,375 50

Amount of literary fund 109 02

Total \$1,484 52

HENRY B. COPP,
Superintending School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Teachers.	Term.	Length in Weeks.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in History.	Wages per month.
1	M. J. Boyd.....	First...	8	24	20	10	4	1	.	\$30 00
	M. J. Boyd.....	Second..	7	29	28	20	10	4	2	30 00
	M. J. Boyd.....	Third...	10	18	15	19	8	4	3	32 00
2	G. W. Knight.	First....	8	19	17	8	7	8	5	26 00
	G. W. Knight.....	Second..	8	18	13	8	8	6	3	26 00
	A. M. Greeley.....	Third....	11	28	21	19	18	9	6	29 00
3	N. A. Robie.....	First....	9	18	16	13	9	4	3	22 00
	N. A. Robie.....	Second..	6	15	13	10	6	6	4	22 00
4	E. B. Greeley.....	First....	10	27	23	20	12	4	2	24 00
	N. A. Robie.....	Second..	10	23	20	18	11	6	3	24 00
5	M. A. Wiley.....	First....	8	16	15	12	9	5	.	20 00
	M. A. Knowlton.....	Second..	13	17	16	14	13	6	2	24 00
6	Etta Young.....	First....	8	23	21	17	9	9	7	28 00
	Etta Young.....	Second..	13	32	26	27	14	7	7	28 00
7	O. Littlefield	First....	8	18	15	15	15	9	.	28 00
	O. Littlefield.....	Second..	8	19	16	16	11	10	14	28 00
	M. E. Perley.....	Third....	11	28	22	25	22	.	.	28 00
8	E. H. Perkins.....	First....	8	25	14	15	10	4	3	28 00
	E. H. Perkins.....	Second..	8	25	21	15	11	6	4	28 00
	A. H. Hale.....	Third....	10	30	22	21	13	9	4	42 00
9	Hattie Platts.....	First....	11	12	5	12	10	3	.	21 00
	Ida Platts.....	Second..	11	11	6	11	9	4	.	21 00

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE LEACH LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

There have been two vacancies in the office of trustees the past year. Dr. Eugene Wason resigned, and Ralph H. Goodhue did not accept the office, as his business was such that he could not conveniently attend the meetings of the board.

In the summer one hundred and three volumes were sent to the branch at North Londonderry, making in all 703 volumes at that place, being the circulating books numbered from 300 to 1,244.

We have purchased but two new books the past year.

Mrs. Josiah Sleeper has our thanks for the following valuable books donated to the Leach library:—

The history of Chester. By B. Chase.

Our Wild Indians. By Col. R. I. Dodge.

Household Words.

We have also received three volumes from the Department of the Interior.

Number of books taken from library in 1884	.	2,728
Number of books taken from branch in 1884	.	3,851

Total circulation in 1884	.	6,579
Total circulation in 1883	.	7,474

Decrease	.	895
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Amount received from books overdue at library	.	\$5 25
Amount received from books overdue at branch	.	3 43

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